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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1. This memorandum recommends action in Paragraph

2. I believe we should exploit immediately and to the fullest, this confirmation of the situation within the Soviet Union as reported by the Director in his speech of 19 September 1957. Passing excerpts from this to individuals will give a limited report and may be smothered out by integration, politics, etc.

3. The Overseas Writers request the Director to address them in his annual talk on any date of his selection other than October 14, 15, or 16, (when they will have a group of South American newspapermen here with them in the United States). The Director could go before this Overseas Writers group next week for luncheon on any date of his selection, but preferably toward the end of the week so they could get the big turn-out they always have. He could then point to this confirmation of what he said and he could then go even further. It might be that he would want ORR to add its opinion of this report so that he could give them a great deal of detailed information on the industrial difficulties, the economic difficulties, the management difficulties and the political leadership difficulties in Russia that so obviously are worrying Khrushchev; that a new stretched out plan must be put into effect to save face -- and perhaps to save Khrushchev.

4. RECOMMENDATION: That the Director speak to the Overseas Writers on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, October 2, 3, or 4.

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